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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

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INFO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, TECH, GW, DR

SUBJECT: GERMAN OFFER OF NUCLEAR PLANT

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 3654

1. ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG DOES SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL SALES EFFORTS OF THE GERMAN NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY, OUR CONTACTS IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE HAVE OFTEN ASSERTED THAT THE GERMAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY MUST, AND DOES, DEVELOP ITS MARKETS INDEPENDENT OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. THIS ALLEGED POLICY WAS ALSO REFLECTED RECENTLY IN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE SALE OF GERMAN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL WHICH CONTAINED CHARGES (CLEARLY TRACEABLE TO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FRG MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY) THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATS ACT AS IF THEY ARE ON THE PAYROLL OF US NUCLEAR INDUSTRY--THAT EVEN US AMBASSADORS WERE NOT ABOVE TOUGH SALES PITCHES TO THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS.

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2. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO LEARN OF

DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF FRG AMBASSADOR IN PRESENTING
WRITTEN MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF OF STATE, GODR. MEMORANDUM
CONTAINED REFTTEL IS EVEN MORE REMARKABLE FOR ITS POSSIBLE
IMPLICATION THAT GERMAN BBC FIRM IS ASSOCIATED WITH
NUCLEAR PLANTS IN MEXICO, ARGENTINA AND
BRAZIL WHICH ARE REALLY BEING CONSTRUCTED BY GENERAL
ELECTRIC (US), SIEMENS (FRG) AND AECL (CANADA), AND BY
WESTINGHOUSE (US), RESPECTIVELY.

3. IF AND/OR WHEN, EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO BELIEVES WE
COULD RAISE MATTER WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT, OR IF AN
APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, WE WILL PURSUE QUESTION
IN BONN.

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